

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A device having an allowance for creeping, comprising:
  - 2 a base member having a receiving element; and
  - 3 an overlaying member, subject to creeping, overlaying on top of the base
  - 4 member, the overlaying member having a region at one end thereof,
  - 5 wherein a tip member is free from restriction or force exerted
  - 6 thereon due to creeping deformation thereof.
- 1 2. The device of claim 1, wherein the overlaying member is made of composite
- 2 material.
- 1 3. The device of claim 1, wherein the tip member is free from restriction due to creeping
- 2 by means of leaving a gap between the tip member and the receiving element.
- 1 4. The device of claim 1, wherein the base member is the base of a tensioning arm
- 2 or chain guide.
- 1 5. The device of claim 1, wherein the overlaying member is the face or shoe of a
- 2 tensioning arm or chain guide.
- 1 6. A method for reducing the deformation of a device due to creeping, comprising the
- 2 steps of:
  - 3 providing a base member having a receiving element;
  - 4 providing an overlaying member, subject to creeping, overlaying on top of the base
  - 5 member, the overlaying member having a region at one end thereof; and
  - 6 allowing room for deformation due to creeping between the base member and the
  - 7 overlaying member within the region.